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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/259,619  
Applicant(s): Timothy Labadie  
Filed: March 1, 1999  
Title: INTERNET BASED PAYMENT SYSTEM  
TC/A.U.: 2176  
Examiner: Ella Colbert  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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